Software Assurance Reliability Automation (SARA) Tool Requirements Specifications

1. Introduction

The Software Assurance Reliability Automation Tool (SARA) shall be a comprehensive system which incorporates both reliability growth modeling and design code metrics for analyzing software time between failure data.

2. General Requirements

This section describes the general software and hardware requirements for the SARA tool.

2.1 Software

The SARA tool shall use Windows 2000 and Windows XP as its host operating systems. SARA shall be written using any object-oriented language allowing it to run on the above operating systems.

2.2 Hardware

The SARA tool shall the able to run on a machine having the following specifications or greater: A 17 inch monitor, standard 101/102 keyboard or Microsoft Natural PS/2 keyboard, standard Microsoft PS/2 mouse, hard drive memory 8 MB RAM and clock speed 1 GHz.

3. Input Requirements

This section describes the input formats and input methods accepted by SARA. There are shall be two input mode, static and dynamic.

3.1 Static

The SARA tool shall accept for import a text file containing columns of data separated by the tab key with no column headers. The file will be prepared independently from SARA, that is SARA will not interactive participate in the making of this file. The file should contain at least one column listing the reliability data (failure data). The other optional columns should contain metrics relating to the failure data.

3.2 Dynamic

The SARA shall provide a grid consisting of rows and columns (table) which allows the user to enter failure data and related metrics by columns at runtime. The user shall have the option to open multiple tables.

4. Graphic User Interface (GUI) and Functionalities

This section discusses SARA Graphic User Interface (GUI) and functionalities associated with each GUI component. SARA shall implement a dropdown GUI menu. The menu for SARA shall be implemented in the following order presented in this section.

4.1 File

This subsection discusses the File menu option containing the submenus New, Open, Close, Save, Save As, Print Preview, Print, and Exit respectively from SARA main dropdown menu.

4.1.1 New

The New menu shall be a submenu of the File menu. Clicking on the New menu shall allow SARA to create a new data window (table) with default null values in it rows and columns. The rows and column shall also contain default header titles.

4.1.2 **Open**

The Open menu shall be a submenu of the File menu. Clicking on the Open menu shall allow files to be open with the following extensions .sad, .sar, .sag, .txt, and .*. Where .sad, .sar, and .sag are data, report, and graphical extensions for SARA document files respectively. The extension .txt is the extension of a standard text file and .* is the wildcard extension representing any file extension.

4.1.3 Close

The Close menu shall be a submenu of the File menu. Clicking on the Close menu shall allow SARA to close the current live window. If there is unsaved contents in the current live window, SARA shall ask the user if they wish to save the unsaved content.

4.1.4 Save

The Save menu shall be a submenu of the File menu. Clicking on the Save menu shall allow SARA to save the content of the current live window using a data, graphical, or

report format depending on the type of current window open. The contents of the window will be save using the current file name or a default name if no prior file name was choose for the file. The tile of the window would be used for the default name of the file. The file shall be save in the current directory the file is in or if the file is being save for the first time SARA should prompt the user for a directory in which to save the file.

4.1.5 Save As

The Save As menu shall be a submenu of the File menu. Clicking on the Save As menu shall allow SARA to save the content of the current live window using a data, graphical, or report format depending on the type of current window open. The Save As option shall also prompt the user for a file name which to name the file and a directory in which to save the file in.

4.1.6 Print Preview

The Print Preview menu shall be a submenu of the File menu. Clicking on the Print Preview menu shall allow SARA to display the current live window (data, graphical, or report) in a preview window showing the user what the printed version of the current live window would look like.

4.1.7 Print

The Print menu shall be a submenu of the File menu. Clicking on the Print menu shall allow SARA to print the current live window. In the case of a data window SARA shall print the text file associated with that window. In the case of a graphical window or report window SARA should print the graph or report contained in the window.

4.1.8 Exit

The Exit menu shall be a submenu of the File menu. Clicking on the Exit menu shall allow SARA close all open windows and then close the application. However, before any window containing unsaved data is closed, SARA should prompt the user to save the data if the user which to do so.

4.2 Edit

This subsection discusses the Edit menu option containing the submenus Undo, Redo, Cut, Copy, Paste, Clear, and Find respectively from SARA main dropdown menu. The Undo, Redo, and Find submenus are associated with SARA data windows grid and Cut, Copy, Paste, and Clear are associated with SARA graphical windows.

4.2.1 Undo

The Undo menu shall be a submenu of the Edit menu. Clicking on the Undo menu shall allow SARA to undo at most the previous ten operations perform on a SARA data window grid.

4.2.2 Redo

The Redo menu shall be a submenu of the Edit menu. Clicking on the Redo menu shall allow SARA to redo at most the previous ten operations perform by the Undo functionality on a SARA data window grid.

4.2.3 Cut

The Cut menu shall be a submenu of the Edit menu. Clicking on the Cut menu shall allow SARA to remove the contents of a SARA graphical window and paste it onto a windows clipboard.

4.2.4 Copy

The Copy menu shall be a submenu of the Edit menu. Clicking on the Cut menu shall allow SARA to copy the contents of a SARA graphical window and paste it onto a windows clipboard.

4.2.5 Paste

The Paste menu shall be a submenu of the Edit menu. Clicking on the Paste menu shall allow SARA to remove the latest contents of a windows clipboard and paste it to another windows clipboard or a SARA graphical window.

4.2.6 Clear

The Clear menu shall be a submenu of the Edit menu. Clicking on the Clear menu shall allow SARA to clear the contents of a SARA data or graphical window, if the window is currently active.

4.2.7 Find

The Find menu shall be a submenu of the Edit menu. Clicking on the Find menu shall allow SARA to find a specify value in an active SARA data window.

4.3 View

This subsection discusses the View menu option containing the submenus Tool Bar, Status Bar, View Data, and View Variable respectively from SARA main dropdown menu. The Tool Bar and Status Bar submenus are associated with SARA main GUI

parent window and View Data and View Variable are associated with a SARA active data window.

4.3.1 Tool Bar

The Tool Bar menu shall be a submenu of the View menu. Clicking on the Tool Bar menu shall allow SARA to switch between hiding the toolbar and displaying the toolbar in the main menu GUI window.

4.3.2 Status Bar

The Status Bar menu shall be a submenu of the View menu. Clicking on the Status Bar menu shall allow SARA to switch between hiding the status bar and displaying the status bar in the main menu GUI window.

4.3.3 View Data

The View Data menu shall be a submenu of the View menu. Clicking on the View Data menu shall allow SARA to switch from an active SARA variable window to a window displaying a SARA data window associated with that particular variable window.

4.3.4 View Variable

The View Variable menu shall be a submenu of the View menu. Clicking on the View Variable menu shall allow SARA to switch from an active SARA data window to a window displaying the variable(s) (column(s) headers) associated with that particular data window.

4.4 Data

This subsection discusses the Data menu option containing the submenus Insert Rows, Insert Columns, Delete Rows, Delete Columns, Sort, and Go To Row respectively from SARA main dropdown menu. All of the above submenus are associated with an active SARA data window.

4.4.1 Insert Rows

The Insert Rows menu shall be a submenu of the Data menu. Clicking on the Insert Rows menu shall allow SARA to insert rows into an active SARA data window. To bring the Insert Rows submenu into focus the user will click on a row header.

4.4.2 Insert Columns

The Insert Columns menu shall be a submenu of the Data menu. Clicking on the Insert Columns menu shall allow SARA to insert columns into an active SARA data window. To bring the Insert Columns submenu into focus the user will click on a column header.

4.4.3 Delete Rows

The Delete Rows menu shall be a submenu of the Data menu. Clicking on the Delete Rows menu shall allow SARA to delete rows from an active SARA data window. To bring the Delete Rows submenu into focus the user will click on a row header.

4.4.4 Delete Columns

The Delete Columns menu shall be a submenu of the Data menu. Clicking on the Delete Columns menu shall allow SARA to delete columns from an active SARA data window. To bring the Delete Columns submenu into focus the user will click on a column header.

4.4.5 Sort

The Sort menu shall be a submenu of the Data menu. Clicking on the Sort menu shall allow SARA to sort the data in a SARA data window on a particular column chosen among the columns in the data window in ascending or descending order. To bring the Sort menu into focus the user will click on a column header.

4.4.6 Go To Row

The Go To Row menu shall be a submenu of the Data menu. Clicking on the Go To Row menu shall allow SARA to change focus to a particular row requested by the user. To bring the Sort menu into focus the user will click on a column header.

4.5 Transform

This subsection discusses the Transform menu option containing the submenus Compute, Count, Recode and submenus Into Same Variables and Into Different Variables, which are further submenus of Recode. All of the above submenus are respectively contained in SARA main dropdown menu. Note also that all of the above submenus are associated with an active SARA data window.

4.5.1 Compute

The Compute menu shall be a submenu of the Transform menu. Clicking on the Compute menu shall allow SARA to transform the data in a SARA data window on a particular column chosen among the columns in the data window. Transforms shall be multiplication of a column by a scalar, addition and subtraction between two columns, and vector multiplication between two columns.

4.5.2 Count

The Count menu shall be a submenu of the Transform menu. Clicking on the Count menu shall allow SARA to compute the minimum, maximum, mean, variance, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis of the columns in an active data window.

4.5.3 Recode

The Recode menu shall be a submenu of the Transform menu. Clicking on the Recode menu shall display two further submenus namely Into Same Variables and Into Different Variables see the next two subsections.

4.5.3.1 Into Same Variables

The Into Same Variables menu shall be a submenu of the Recode menu. Clicking on the Into Same Variable menu shall allow SARA to recode a data window column into the same column. Where recode is the process of replacing a particular value or all the values in a column with a different value.

4.5.3.2 Into Different Variables

The Into Different Variables menu shall be a submenu of the Recode menu. Clicking on the Into Different Variable menu shall allow SARA to recode a data window column into a different column. Where recode is the process of replacing a particular value or all the values in a column with a different value.

4.6 Execution

This subsection discusses the Execution menu option containing the submenus Descriptive Statistics and Reliability Modeling. The Descriptive Statistics menu further contains the Frequencies menu as a submenu. Also the Reliability Modeling menu further contains the Parametric and Nonparametric menus as submenus. All of the above submenus are respectively contained in SARA main dropdown menu. Note also that all of the above submenus are associated with an active SARA data window.

4.6.1 Descriptive Statistics

The Descriptive Statistics menu shall be a submenu of the Execution menu. Clicking on the Descriptive Statistics menu shall display a further submenu namely Frequencies see the next subsection.

4.6.1.1 Frequencies

The Frequencies menu shall be a submenu of the Descriptive Statistics menu. Clicking on the Frequencies menu shall allow SARA to provide the user with a window containing checkboxes allowing the user to choose which frequencies that SARA should calculate. The frequencies to choose from are means and totals of the columns of a data window. SARA should also provide the user with the capability to print the frequencies as a report.

4.6.2 Reliability Modeling

The Reliability Modeling menu shall be a submenu of the Execution menu. Clicking on the Reliability Modeling menu shall display two further submenus namely Parametric and Nonparametric see the next two subsections.

4.6.2.1 Parametric

The Parametric menu shall be a submenu of the Reliability Modeling menu. Clicking on the Parametric menu shall allow SARA to provide the user with a window containing checkboxes allowing the user to choose which parametric model that SARA should calculate. The models to choose to choose from are Exponential, Weibull, Gamma models using the appropriate columns of an active data window as input the models. SARA should also provide the user with the capability to print the result of the models as a report.

4.6.2.2 Nonparametric

The Nonparametric menu shall be a submenu of the Reliability Modeling menu. Clicking on the nonparametric menu shall allow SARA to provide the user with a window containing checkboxes allowing the user to choose between a nonparametric model with or without reliability bounds, using the appropriate columns of an active data window as input the model. SARA should also provide the user with the capability to print the result of the model as a report.

4.7 Graph

This subsection discusses the Graph menu option containing the submenus Bar, Line, Scatter, and Histogram respectively from SARA main dropdown menu. All of the above submenus are associated with an active SARA graphical window.

4.7.1 Bar

The Bar menu shall be a submenu of the Graph menu. Clicking on the Bar menu shall allow SARA to use the columns of an active SARA data widow as input to plot a bar graph and display it in a SARA graphical window. SARA should also provide the user with the capability to print and edit the bar graph. The editing capabilities of the graph shall be cutting, copying, and pasting.

4.7.2 Line

The Line menu shall be a submenu of the Graph menu. Clicking on the Line menu shall allow SARA to use the columns of an active SARA data widow as input to plot a line graph and display it in a SARA graphical window. SARA should also provide the user

with the capability to print and edit the line graph. The editing capabilities of the graph shall be cutting, copying, and pasting.

4.7.3 Scatter

The Scatter menu shall be a submenu of the Graph menu. Clicking on the Scatter menu shall allow SARA to use the columns of an active SARA data widow as input to plot a scatter plot graph and display it in a SARA graphical window. SARA should also provide the user with the capability to print and edit the scatter plot graph. The editing capabilities of the graph shall be cutting, copying, and pasting.

4.7.4 Histogram

The Histogram menu shall be a submenu of the Graph menu. Clicking on the Histogram menu shall allow SARA to use the columns of an active SARA data widow as input to plot a histogram and display it in a SARA graphical window. SARA should also provide the user with the capability to print and edit the histogram. The editing capabilities of the graph shall be cutting, copying, and pasting.

4.8 Window

This subsection discusses the Window menu option containing the submenus Minimize All Windows, New Data Window, Cascade, Tile Horizontal, and Tile Vertical respectively from SARA main dropdown menu. All of the above submenus are associated with any active SARA window.

4.8.1 Minimize All Windows

The Minimize All Windows menu shall be a submenu of the Window menu. Clicking on the Minimize All Windows menu shall allow SARA to minimize all open SARA windows active or inactive.

4.8.2 New Data Window

The New Data Window menu shall be a submenu of the Window menu. Clicking on the New Data Window menu shall allow SARA to create a new data SARA window and make it the current active window.

4.8.3 Cascade

The Cascade menu shall be a submenu of the Window menu. Clicking on the Cascade menu shall allow SARA to display any open SARA data or graphical window(s) in a cascade format view inside the SARA main window. Note that SARA shall have a multiple document interface (MDI) where SARA main window is the parent window and the data and graphical window(s) are the child window(s).

4.8.4 Tile Horizontal

The Tile Horizontal menu shall be a submenu of the Window menu. Clicking on the Tile Horizontal menu shall allow SARA to display any open SARA data or graphical window(s) in a tile horizontal format view inside the SARA main window. Note that SARA shall have a multiple document interface (MDI) where SARA main window is the parent window and the data and graphical window(s) are the child window(s).

4.8.5 Tile Vertical

The Tile Vertical menu shall be a submenu of the Window menu. Clicking on the Tile Vertical menu shall allow SARA to display any open SARA data or graphical window(s) in a tile vertical format view inside the SARA main window. Note that SARA shall have a multiple document interface (MDI) where SARA main window is the parent window and the data and graphical window(s) are the child window(s).

4.9 Help

This subsection discusses the Help menu option containing the submenus Topics, Tutorial, Home Page, and About respectively from SARA main dropdown menu.

4.9.1 Topics

The Topics menu shall be a submenu of the Help menu. Clicking on the Topics menu shall allow SARA to provide access to the Contents, Index, and Find tabs, which the user can use to find specific help topics.

4.9.2 Tutorial

The Tutorial menu shall be a submenu of the Help menu. Clicking on the Tutorial menu shall allow SARA to provide the user with a introductory tutorial on the operation of SARA.

4.9.3 Home Page

The Home Page menu shall be a submenu of the Help menu. Clicking on the Home Page menu shall allow SARA to provide access to SARA home page, which provides general information about the tool and the organization, which created the tool.

4.9.4 About

The About menu shall be a submenu of the Help menu. Clicking on the About menu shall allow SARA to display a popup window, which provides general information about the tool. Such as SARA version number, developers, and link to a webpage providing more detail information about the tool.